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METHOD OF PAYMENT BY MEANS OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE

January 22, 2007

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME **PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

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Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petitions for an extension of time for a total period of one (1) month through and including January 22, 2007 (the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday or Sunday) to respond to the Final Office Action mailed on July 20, 2006. Only a one (1) month extension of time is necessary as the Amendment After Final was submitted within two (2) months from the mailing of the Final Office Action and as such the shortened statutory expired on the mailing of the Advisory Action on December 20, 2006. If an additional extension of time is required to insure that this paper is timely filed, please consider this a petition therefor.

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| (X) | one month | \$120 | \$60 |
| () | two months | \$450 | \$225 |
| () | three months | \$1,020 | \$510 |
| () | four months | \$1,590 | \$795 |
| (,) | five months | \$2,160 | \$1,080 |

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